LAYED AT THE RHENOSTER.

Water Is Deep and the Soldiers Must town, sufficed to cause a sharp spurt in Walt Until a Temporary Bridge Is Constructed.

DISPOSITION OF THE TROOPS

TION ACROSS THE FREE STATE.

Hamilton's Cavalry Thirty Miles from the Vanl and the Center Ten Miles Further South.

TAKING BURGHERS

MAY DECIDE WITHIN A FORTNIGHT TO QUIT FIGHTING.

Nothing Known as to What Is Transpiring at Pretoria-Movements of Gen. Buller's Forces.

erts's infantry advance is delayed at the Rhanoster river for a day or two by the depth of the stream, which is not fordable. The banks, which are precipitous, are forty feet high. A pontoon and temporary bridge constructions are under way. The railway has not been damaged to any great extent between Kroonstad and Rhenoster. The Transvaalers have offended the Free Staters by destroying their splendid bridges when retiring to Kroonstad. They refrained from doing this on the retreat to Rhenoster, but now they are destroying the railroad and bridges almost completely

The British troops are in the form of a crescent. Gen. Ian Hamilton's mounted men are within thirty miles of the Vaal. The center of the crescent is about forty miles from the Vaal. Seventy or eighty miles to the left Lord Methuen is advancing up the Vaal.

Boer telegrams say that three thousand British, with ten guns, are near Vreendfort, which is close to the Vaal and close to Parys. One correspondent refers to the advance as a "promenade." Another describes it as a "Boer hunt." The Free Staters are pictured as "bolting like hares" at the first sight of the British. The latter, according to one writer, do not even find women and children, as the fleeing farmers take their families with them, in consequence of the reports current among the Transvaalers that the British kidnap all children over twelve years of age. The Boer rear guard was composed of Russians, to whom was committed the task of destroying the

bridges. They also looted freely. What the Boers are doing is an absolute mystery. The embargo of news out of Pretoria for the last twenty-four hours has been complete. Such shreds of information as the correspondents at Lourenzo Marques have picked up do not illuminate the Boer designs and dispositions further than that the movement toward Lydenburg continwes and that a referendum on the question of continuing the war is going on among the Boer fighting men. It may be a fortnight before the results of this singular vote are fully before the Transvaal government. If the English view of Boer discouragement is one-half right, the Boers

will vote to quit. The Lourenzo Marques correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Wednesday, says: "According to a private letter, smuggled through from Pretoria, President Kruger now favors surrender, on the ground that a continuance of the war would ruin the property of the burghers. He has thrown upon the commandants the onus of what course to pursue. Civilian prisoners released at Pretoria report extraordinary railway from Pretoria to Pietersburg. As many as twenty trains are running daily. and it is possible that a large portion have been used to move supplies northward for safety."

In Natal General Dartnell's volunteers occupied Mount Prospect on Monday. Lord Dundonald's cavalry is at Firmstones, near Ingoge. His infantry rests at Schoenshoogte. The names are all of fateful memory in the first Boer war. The British face Laing's nek, where the Boers, through the range glasses of the British, are occasionally visible. In the march across the Biggarsberg all the farms except one were found vacant. A temporary bridge has been finished at Waschbank. Trains now go to Dundee. General Buller said the best way to celebrate the Queen's birthday was to repair the railway to Newcastle, and every man was put to work.

Earl De la Warr, who was supposed to have been captured at the time of the disaster that befell the squadron of Bethune's horse, contrived to escape. He lay all night with a wounded leg behind an ant heap, reaching the camp next day.

As the railway is now open north of and a few luxuries. The telegraph mes-

South Africa has another infliction. An extraordinary issue of the Gazette, at Durban, announces the death of an East Indian from the bubonic plague. The government has put into force the most stringent preventive measures, but fears are expressed that the pestilence may get among the troops.

The Transvaal National Bank has susfrom the government requiring the acceptance of bank notes. The institution has large assets, apparently, in London. One hundred and fifty thousand pounds were seized at Cape Town and £25,000 at Durban. Mr. Lucan, chairman of the London committee of the bank says: "The Transvaal government is laying hands on every ounce of gold it can find in the country. The government has nothing to lose and everything to gain thereby. Financial circles here are interested in many indirect ways, especially as to whether the Transvaal's I. O. U.'s will be redeemed."

says: "We understand that a general election will be ordered as soon as Lord Rob-erts obtains an additional success. The house, handcuffed to the sheriff.

government will ask the countribrary 4 The Dally Express continues its alleged xposures of Dr. Leyds's use of the Transvaal secret service fund. The paper's Brussels correspondent asserts that numerous continental newspapers were bribed LORD ROBERTS'S INFANTRY DE- to the extent of from £20 to £25 a week. A wild rumor on the Stock Exchange yesterday to the effect that the Mafeking relief force had marched to Johannesburg, surprised the Boers there and captured the

A BRITISH REVERSE.

Boers Reported to Have Whipped t Small Body of Cavalry.

PRETORIA, May 23.-An official bulletin issued here to-day says: "Sixty British cavalry came into collision on May 20 with BRITISH IN CRESCENT-LIKE FORMA- eigthy of the Swaziland commando at Schoepersnek. The fighting lasted an hour. The British lost twenty-seven killed, twenty-five wounded and eleven were taken prisoners. Twenty-five horses, two Maxims and a quantity of ammunition were also captured. The federals lost one killed and one wounded. They assisted to remove the wounded and buried the dead. The advance guard at Heilbron retired on the main body

on the northern border." According to Free State advices the Brit- KNIFE APPLIED BY BRISTOW ish yesterday were at Greylings drift on the Vaal river, twenty-five miles from Wolmoranstad, with a large force.

On Sunday Kalbe engaged the British between Heilbron and Lindley. The federals had to retire before an overwhelming force, losing one killed and seven wounded.

British Killed in an Ambush. BOER CAMP, VOLKSRUST, May 22 .-The British crossed the Buffalo river and were within sight of our position yesterday. They are busy emplacing heavy cannon at Schulnshovgte, near the scene of the batported that fighting occurred at Bothasnek yesterday.

Chris Botha, brother of the commanderin-chief, has been appointed assistant to the commander-in-chief, and has given great satisfaction. He has revived the fighting spirit in many of the federals. In an ambush between N'qutu and Mount

Prospect eight British were killed and thirteen wounded.

LAST SORTIE FROM MAFEKING. Lady Sarah Wilson Accompanied the

Proops on a Bicycle. MAFEKING, May 17, via Kimberley.-The British relieving force occupied this town at 9 o'clock. The garrison immediately moved out with twelve-pounders and pompoms and attacked McMullin's laager. The Boers resisted weakly for half an hour and then fled in disorder, leaving their tents,

wagons and impedimenta. The British then

occupied all the Boer positions. Colonel Baden-Powell gave the garrison an opportunity of revenging themselves, using the relief force as a reserve and as supports. Men and women swarmed to the housetops, and Lady Sarah Wilson, on bicycle, accompanied the troops as far as

The town guard formed up in the market square for the march past the relief force. There was immense enthusiasm over the fact that the relief of the place was accomplished by colonials.

Reitz Leaves Pretoria with Treasure. CAPE TOWN, May 24 .- Bar gold to the value of \$705,000 has been sent by rail from Pretoria to Lourenzo Marques. State Secretary Reitz traveled on the same train.

BROOKE'S MARRIAGE DECREE.

Catholic Cubans Ask Governor General Wood to Modify It.

HAVANA, May 24.-Monsignor Donato Sbarrett!, bishop of Havana, accompanied by a number of priests representing the clergy and by a lay commission representing the lay Catholics of the diocese, have presented to General Wood petitions signed by 31,000 people requesting that the decree issued by General Brooke while military governor of Cuba, ordering that only civil marriages should be considered lawful, may be so altered as to allow marriages celebrated according to the rites of any re ligion to be considered lawful provided a record of the ceremony is duly handed in

Mgr. Sbarretti delivered an address, in the course of which he contended that Gen. Brooke's decree was contrary to the spirit of religious liberty and to the freedom of conscience professed by the American people and guaranteed by the treaty of Paris. "The decree of General Brooke," said the bishop, "created and maintains a useless conflict between the civil and the ecclesiastcal law, and good Catholics must consider t an imposition, forcing on them as it does an empty ceremony. The decree was gratuitous attempt to restrict liberty, and of increased expense to Catholics when contracting marriages."

repealed sufficiently to allow the marriage

clergyman in regular orders. WASHINGTON, May 24.-Representative Fitzgerald, of Massachusetts, to-day intro-Brooke, while governor general of Cuba had prohibited ecclesiastical marriages and ordered that civil marriages be recognized as the only legal form of contracts for marriage; that this was a violation of the Mafeking, an abundance of provisions is Constitution and against established cusentering the town, plenty of flour and meat, tom, and directing the secretary of war to ledger, which probably has been destroyed. revoke the order and to give instructions sages will probably come from Mafeking for full religious toleration in Cuba while

MOB FOILED BY SHERIFF.

Negro Rapist Saved from Summary Punishment by a Ruse.

ATHENS, O., May 24.-A mob attacked the jail to-night, bent on lynching Richard pended gold payments, under authorization Gordon, a negro rapist. The mob, however was folled by a clever ruse arranged by Sheriff Porter, the prisoner having been removed to the courthouse in anticipation battering the barred doors of the Judge Wood pushed his way through it. and in a voice that could be heard above the din urged the mob to allow the law to take its course. He assured them that Gardner was not in the jail. A committee of five then stepped forward and asked to lic desires the most complete investigation and they were convinced Gardner was no The Birmingham Argus, which keeps in | there. A few minutes later a carriage was pretty close touch with the Colonial Office, seen to drive away from the rear of the jail and the mob rushed in pursuit, but the

NEELY WILL NOT BE SENT BACK TO CUBA THIS WEEK.

Governor Roosevelt Not Yet Ready to Take Action on the Application for Extradition.

MORE UNEARTHED

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL AGENTS WHO WERE SENT TO HAVANA.

Neely Is Accused of Not Accounting for Over \$65,000.

EXPENSES REDUCED IN CUBAN POS-TAL DEPARTMENT.

Neely Reported to Have Been Trying to Establish a Kingdom in the Isle of Pines.

day before Governor Roosevelt at Oyster Bay of the application for the extradition of C. F. W. Neely to Cuba was held in private, only the Governor, his secretary and United States District Attorney Burnett, representing the government, and John B. Lindsay, counsel for Neely, being present. After the short session the Governor came out of his library and made a brief statement to the newspaper men. He said that before he would take any final action in the matter he would confer with the State attorney general, probably on Saturday, on the questions of law raised by cousel as to his power to grant the requisition papers. This power, the Governor said, it was conceded, was vested by the Constitution in the Governor.

The examination in the case of Neely, charged with misappropriating \$36,000 of Cuban postal funds, which was to have come before Commissioner Shields to-day, has been adjourned until Monday next pending action in the requisition proceedings. Edward K. Jones, the special representative of Attorney General Griggs in the prosecution of the case, to-day had a talk with Judge Lacombe about the postal scandal. Mr. Jones said that as soon as the documentary proof procured by the War Department concerning the issue of surcharged stamps, which were ordered destroyed, comes into his possession, additional action will be taken against Neely. WASHINGTON, May 24.-According to information received from Havana the authorities there are making progress in unearthing frauds against the postal revenues. A report has been received from Special Agents Seybolt and Williams, in which they charge Neely with not acounting for stamps, moneys, property, etc., aggregating more than \$65,000. There are five counts in this charge against Neely. One involves the appropriation to himself of stamps, moneys, etc., amounting to \$57,-000; one for \$1,500 and one for \$300. This report will be forwarded to the counsel for

the government at New York. WANTED THE ISLE OF PINES.

CHICAGO, May 24.-The Record's Havana

Neely Was Negotiating for a Little Kingdom of His Own.

correspondent says: "One of the fondest schemes of Charles F. W. Neely was one that contemplted buying the Isle of Pines the island south of Cuba, considered by many to be part of the United States territory according to the treaty of Paris. Neely started a company here last fall for the purpose of securing control of the valuable by the church or religious body for civil part of the island, with the object of colonizing it as a United States possession Interested with him were Major Ladd treasurer of the island of Cuba; General Chaffee, Major Ducker, Mr. Hake, of Chicago, and, it is said, many prominent politicians in the United States. Options were secured on 100,000 acres and agents were engaged to make negotiations for the major portion of the remaining 400,000. Neely's arrest has killed the scheme. The options expired last week and \$2,000 is forfeited. "It is a striking coincidence that to-day General Wood placed two inspectors in Major Ladd's office for the examination of it is the direct cause of embarrassment and his accounts. Those inside tell your correspondent that this is in accordance with the investigation in connection with the The probability is that the decree will be North American Trust Company and the handling of the funds of the island. It is ceremony to be legally performed by any said many government officials here held

stock in the company. "Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow appointed to-day George R. Buchduced a resolution reciting that General anan disbursing officer of the department of posts at a salary of \$2,000, discontinuing the office of superintendent, held by Carter, whose salary was \$2,500. Disbursements will be made the same as in the army. Only \$44 in "surcharged" stamps was found in the office. No trace was found of Neely's Inspectors discovered to-day a shortage in Neely's account outside the amount supdirect over the northern route in a day or it is under the jurisdiction of the United posed to have been taken in stamps, but it will probably not raise the estimated defalcation of \$100,000. Evidence of Neely's guilt is accumulating, and probably there

> will be several counts against him." CUTTING DOWN EXPENSES.

Bristow Abolishing Officers in the Cu-

ban Postal Department. HAVANA, May 24.-Mr. Bristow, acting director general of posts, to-day abolished the solicitor's bureau, appointing in its place a law clerk, with one stenographer. and thus saving \$2,700 annually.

General Wood has ordered that every department of the island be thoroughly overhauled. The auditors are now dealing with the treasury and with the North American Trust Company. Later they will deal with the custom house. There is no suggestion that frauds are suspected in connection with any of these departments or institutions, but General Wood feels that the pub

of all Cuban accounts. Justice, Not Generosity.

HAVANA, May 24.-The Patria, reverting to the postal fraud, observes: "The Washington government entirely controls the af- I the Democrats.

fairs of Cuba. Therefore it is quite right that Washington should give an account of the management of the Cuban postal department to the American and Cuban peoples. President McKinley's attitude in deciding that the amount stolen must be returned to the Cuban people is an act of justice, not of generosity."

> The Hawaiian Postal System. WASHINGTON, May 24 .- The third assistant postmaster general has prepared a letter of comprehensive instructions to the inspectors in charge of inaugurating the United States postal system in Hawaii. The instructions refer to finance, stamp supplies and accounts, registry system, special delivery and classification of mail matter. The regulations in regard to the postal finances are specific and are given in great detail. Honolulu is made the general depository for the islands, and this office in turn will remit to San Francisco.

IN BEHALF OF CHINESE.

Five Counts in a Charge on Which | Health Board Asked to Give Reason | National Bazaar for Assistance of War for Plague Quarantine.

> SAN FRANCISCO, May 24 .- Judge Morrow to-day issued an order directing the Board of Health of the city to show cause why an injunction should not be granted restraining that body from interfering with the freedom and liberties of the Chinese of this city and those desiring to leave it. An embargo was placed on the Chinese and Japanese residents of the city on the ground that the plague was prevalent, and it is expected the proceedings commenced to-day will show conclusively whether or not the disease is present in this city. The order is made returnable to-morrow.

TWO CONVENTION DATES

KENTUCKY DEMOCRATS MEET AT FRANKFORT AND LEXINGTON.

Will Have Opposition-Blackburn's Open Letter Excites Unfavorable Comment.

FRANKFORT, Ky., May 24 .- The Democratic state executive committee held meeting here this afternoon and issued calls for two state conventions. The first will be held at Louisville June 14; for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Democratic national convention. The other will be held at Lexington July 19, and at this convention a Democratic candidate for Governor will be nominated. The committee was in executive session over two hours, discussing the question whether one or two conventions should be held and the wording of the official call and other matters. This was rendered more interesting by the open address issued by Senator Blackburn, in which he took a position against the policy of the party managers in some parts of the State in excluding from participation Hardin's friends and other men who had bolted the ticket last fall, and other matters of this character. Governor Beckham's friends, it is understood, favored only one convention, this to be held the last week in June, but the proposition for two conventions carried by a majority of one. The call is wide open, as suggested by Senator Blackburn, and invites all known Democrats who pledge their support to the ticket and platform in November to participate. There was a great deal of discussion among the leaders as to the proposition of Blackburn and others regarding proposed changes in the state platform with reference to the election law and other things, but not enough to give a definite idea of what the state convention will do on this subject.

Governor Beckham to-day signed the commission of Senator-elect Blackburn, and that document was mailed to him at Washington to-night, to be filed with his credentials, which are pending before the Senate. Governor Taylor refused to sign Blackburn's commission when the latter was elected. Jan. 9, and the facts were some time ago certified to by the presidents pro tem. of the two houses of the at the time of the ballot for senator. The committee to-night adopted the of-

Legislature, together with the proceedings ficial call for the convention: "All legal voters who are devoted to the principles of the Democratic party and desire to see those principles succeed, and who, by participating in the conventions, will feel in honor bound to suport the nominees, shall have the right to participate in said conventions. The Democrats of Kentucky are a law-abiding and a peace-loving people. They would welcome, not repel, from their association those Kentuckians who love liberty and justice and who hate crime. Under Republican rule the civil arm of the state government was struck down and a military usurpation was set up in its place. Under Republican rule murder was made a weapon of party warfare, and Republican officials obstructed and defied the courts in their efforts to discover and punish its authors. In view of these things | ical gardens. we invite every Kentuckian who remains a true Kentuckian, and without regard to former political affiliations, to join with us in stamping out their possible recurrence and to share with us the glory of redeeming the honor of the State and reviving the memory of the patriots and sages who in its better days made it prosperous, illustrious and happy."

Gen. J. H. Lewis, former chief justice of the Court of Appeals, has announced his candidacy for the gubernatorial nomination before the Lexington convention.

Jo Blackburn Criticised. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, May 24.-The statement sent from Washington to Louis ville by Jo Blackburn, former senator and senator-elect, urging the repeal of th Goebel election law and the enactment of a fair election law in Kentucky, is regarded as characteristic of the man, in this, that he has profited by that outrageous law, and en himself by an appeal for fair play. The Democrats who have been defending

the Goebel election law in Congress are have already exceeded \$50,000. feeling rather sore at Blackburn's belated conversion to fair and decent methods in politics. They are inclined to compare his move with that of a "fence" who becomes honest after he has become rich.

Sweeney Gave Up His Office. FRANKFORT, Ky., May 24.-Republican Auditor Sweeney sent for Democratic Auditor Coulter this morning and notified records and possession of the office in th Statehouse without waiting for action by the Court of Appeals. The transfer was made to-day. It is understood the other Republican officials will do likewise in the next day or two and that by next week the

JOYFUL CELEBRATIONS THROUGH-OUT THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

Her Majesty's Birthday Made the Oc- The Ambassador and the Sporty Sir casion of Unique and Enthusiastic Displays of Patriotism.

MESSAGE

AND REPLY TO CONGRATULATIONS IN BEHALF OF THE QUEEN.

Sufferers Opened by the Princess of Wales.

BY AMBASSADOR PRESENTED CHOATE, WHO MADE A SPEECH.

CUP FOR

LOVING

LIPTON

gienic Feature of German Meat Inspection Bill Eliminated.

most unprecedented rejoicings. The two- the range of possibilities. fold nature of the celebrations gave the occasion unusual brilliancy. In London today and in the provincial towns there was a tri-color eruption. Every private house was procure it. I certainly intend to try again. decorated with minature union jacks, and a | and I feel sure that if I should have the of cars emblematic of the war paraded the and courtesy will be shown to Americans northern suburbs of London. Torchlight | by Britishers that the Americans are showprocessions and reviews in the garrison ing me when the Americans come over and towns, etc., were witnessed throughout the attempt to regain the cup. Although the and at most places there was a partial suspension of business.

brilliantly illuminated, and thousands crowded the streets, wearing patriotic fa-

In the House of Commons to-day the government leader, A. J. Balfour, announced that Lord Salisbury would consider a proposal to appoint a national thanksgiving day, with a suitable form of prayer, in actory to the British arms.

Among the incidents of the day was the presentation by William Waldorf Aster to | ber. In its final shape it contains no prothe town of Maidenhead of a polished fivepounder to be placed in the park. The | for the inspection of animals slaughtered weapon was drawn to the park to-day in | for family use. These were the two strongthe presence of 5,000 people, where it was est hygienic features of the bill in its origformally accepted by the mayor on behalf | inal form. Nevertheless the semi-official of the town, after which a royal salute was | Berlin Correspondenz to-day compliments

From the Queen and Kipling.

NEW YORK, May 24.-The fifth annual dinner of the British Schools and Universities Club was given to-night at the Holland House. Letters were read from the as it stands. Queen, the Prince of Wales, Joseph Chamberlain, Earl of Rosebery, the Duke of Arclub proposed toasts to the Queen, the President of the United States and the

The Queen's message to the club was as follows: "The Queen sincerely thanks you for your kind message of loyalty and good

to you and ourselves and the rest of us

everywhere." Congratulations from McKinley. WASHINGTON, May 24.—Secretary Hay has sent a cable message to Ambassador Choate, at London, asking him to "convey,

of her birthday." tions in a gracious message of thanks.

At Port Tampa.

Majesty's subjects and many American citizens to-day. The shipping in the harbor was decorated with bunting, and salutes were fired. An interesting feature in connection with the event was the dedication of a palm tree to her Majesty in the botan-

British Flag Displayed.

NEW YORK, May 24.—The shipping to-day in honor of the anniversary of Queen Victoria's birthday. The union jack was floating above the British consulate's office, but the office itself was closed today. The British flag was displayed in many places about the city.

Banquet at Santiago De Cuba. SANTIAGO DE CUBA, May 24.-The English colony in Santiago city gave an elaborate banquet this evening in honor of th Queen's birthday.

FOR AID OF WAR SUFFERERS. National Bassar Opened by the Princess of Wales.

LONDON, May 24.-The Princess Wales, at Kensington, this afternoon opened the great national bazaar in aid of its even more outrageous enforcement all the sufferers from the war. The Princess he can hope to, and now thinks to strength- | Dolgorouki and the Duchesses of Sutherland and Marlborough escorted the Prince of Wales through the bazaar. The receipts

The stalls are attended by titled personages and the elite of London's society. Emperor William of Germany has shown his sympathy for the war sufferers by contributing to the bazaar some royal Dresden china and engravings of pictures painted by his Majesty, bearing the imperial signature and inscribed: "For the national bazaar, 1900, by the Emperor himself." He also sent a number of his own photos signed and bearing a brief sentence in

The bazaar, containing upward of sev enty stalls, representing most of the regiments now in service in South Africa, arranged in streets and forms an immens aporium containing every conceivable stone, has been sick for a month.

article that can be offered for sale. It is hoped to realize £50,000 from the undertaking. The Princess of Wales after making a tour of the bazaar officiated as a sales woman for some time at the Household Cavalry stall. The naval stall is attracting much attention. It is filled with models, naval implements, relics of the siege of Ladysmith and books signed by Kipling.

CHOATE AND LIPTON.

Thomas Make Speeches.

LONDON, May 24.-At a banquet given this evening at the Hotel Cecil, in London, to Sir Thomas Lipton, Joseph H. Choate, United States ambassador, presented to FROM M'KINLEY Sir Thomas the loving cup subscribed for SEVERAL by the American admirers of the owner of the Shamrock. Mr. Choate, in the course of the presentation speech, thus summed up the relations of England with America: "We are friends, to begin with, and will always continue so. Yet no one is foolish enough to suppose that our friendship will interfere with our rivalry. What we have got to look to is that our rivalry does not interfere with our friendship. If the qualities exhibited by Sir Thomas Lipton could be brought into all the commercial, athletic and diplomatic controversies of England and America we might be sure that the peace which has so long prevailed between the two countries would not be

After paying a glowing tribute to Sir Thomas Lipton's sportsmanship Mr. Choate said: "This gift, Sir Thomas, carries with it the good will of thousands of Americans, who love a gallant champion Felicitous Reply by Sir Thomas-Hy- and a gallant loser, happily united, sir, in His Speech on Alleged Frauds and Exyou, who have so nobly borne defeat. We hope you are ready to meet us again."

Sir Thomas Lipton, who was evidently much affected, said in the course of his reply: "The recollection of American kindess will remain with me while memory stimulus of the relief of Mafeking and Lord | lasts. I know that to lift their cup I have | the Nation towards its island possessions" Roberts's rapid and successful progress, got to take to Sandy Hook the best and was the subject of a heated discussion in the Queen's birthday has been celebrated fastest yacht the world has ever seen, but the Senate again to-day. Soon after the throughout the empire with unique and al- it is not without hope that this is within | Senate convened Mr. Bacon, of Georgia,

"I am well aware that, to produce such a yacht, the best British brains and mechanism must be combined. I think I can picturesque carnival procession a mile long | good fortune to succeed, the same kindness country. The school children had a holiday, | brotherhood which I have experienced is more precious than any wealth can command, I hope I am not expected to be con-The West End of London to-night was | tented with this cup." [Laughter and ap-

AN AGRARIAN MEASURE.

The Hygienic Features Eliminated from the Meat Inspection Bill.

BERLIN, May 24.-The meat inspection bill, which passed the Reichstag yesterday knowledgment of God's vouchsafing vic- in the compromise form, had its essential Cuba, and addressed the Senate in reply to hygienic features eliminated owing to the e Agrarian influences at work in the chamvisions for trichinae inspection and none the majority in the Reichstag, particularly the moderate Agrarians, on its passage in its amended form, claiming that hygienic interests are sufficiently preserved and that incidentally German agriculturists will derive considerable benefit from the measure | whether these millions had been expended

On the other hand, the leading Agrarian organ, the Deutsche Tages Zeitung, flatly show no discrepancies. He called attention gyll and Admiral Dewey, Admiral Philip denies that the compromise bill will in any and Whitelaw Reid. The president of the | way aid agriculture, and asserts that the permission to import salt meats will be utilized hereafter by the United States to Prince of Wales, which were drunk by the such an extent as to outweigh the prohibition of sausages and canned meats. The Allgemeine Fleeschertze, which is rected to them.

the leading organ of the butchers, contends that the bill goes to great length in favoring Agrarian interests, while disregarding Rudyard Kipling sent this: "Good luck the interests of butchers and consumers.

> BOXERS DRILLING OPENLY. Many High Manchus Joining the Se

ditous Movement at Peking. SHANGHAI, May 24.-The members of the Chinese secret society known as "Boxers are now openly drilling at Peking, an ulations and best wishes of the President | many high Manchus, including members of to her Majesty, the Queen, on the occasion | the imperial clan, are joining the movement, which is becoming so threatening LONDON, May 24.-Queen Victoria has that the diplomatic representatives are replied to President McKinley's congratula- about to take action. B. J. De Cologan, the Spanish minister and soven of the diplomatic corps, has made a demand on the Tsung Li Yamen (Chinese Foreign Of-PORT TAMPA, Fla., May 24.-Queen Vic- fice), couched in the strongest terms, for oria's birthday was celebrated here by her | the immediate suppression of the "Boxers," threatening that otherwise all the powers concerned would land troops in China.

LONDON, May 25 .- A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Tien-Tsin, dated Tuesday, says: "The massacre of seventy native Catholics at Kao-Lau-Tsun on May 14 is ascribed to the equivocal attitude of Fakas, the virtual governor of the province of Pe-Chi-Li, who is accused of favoring the 'Boxers.' It is reported that General the harbor was gaily dressed with bunting | Yang Fu Tung, who was sent by the viceroy with troops against the 'Boxers' was murdered at an interview with their

> Rhodes to Develop German Africa. LONDON, May 25.-Cecil Rhodes, Alfred Belt and Julius Wernher, with other South develop a gigantic mining enterprise in German West Africa. The Daily Express, which makes the announcement, asserts that gold, silver, copper and lead have been found in abundance within four hundred miles of Walfisch bay. One hundred thousand pounds will be spent in prospecting and then, if the results warrant the outlay, £2,000,000 will be expended in constructing a railway. Christopher James, a Mexico and California, will lead the prospecting expedition, which will leave Eng-

For Defense of Manchuria. ST. PETERSBURG, May 24 .- A plan fo

the defense of Manchuria has been drawn up. Six fortified posts will be erected. For the purpose of strategical study Gen Sacharoff, chief of the Russian general staff, will start for Manchuria at the end Russian officers, to prepare for a possible conflict with Japan.

Russian Battleship Launched. ST. PETERSBURG, May 24.-The Rusdan battleship Polieda and the Russian cruiser Aurora were launched to-day in the

presence of Emporer Nicholas. The Czar also watched the keel laying of two other Mrs. Gladstone III.

WISCONSIN'S SENATOR MAKES AN-OTHER NOTABLE ADDRESS.

He Shows the Anti-Imperialists Have Foisted an Illegitimate Political Issue on the Country.

> TILTS SPIRITED

WITH POPULISTIC ALLEN AND VITU-

Effort by the Two Last Named to Make the Public Believe All Ad-

PERATIVE PETTIGREW.

OUR DUTY TOWARDS FILIPINOS

ministrationists Are Liars.

BACON RETURNS TO HIS MUTTON AND MAKES WILD CHARGES.

travagance in Cuba-Reply to Orville H. Platt.

began an extended reply to the speech of Mr. Platt delivered yesterday. His speech was largely supplemental to that which he delivered several days ago demanding an investigation of Cuban financial affairs. His resolution, to which there is little or no opposition, under the rules went to the com-

mittee on contingent expenses The remainder of the afternoon was occupied by Mr. Spooner, of Wisconsin, in concluding his speech on the Philippine question. The debate which he aroused took a turn decidedly political. He charged the so-called anti-imperialists with creating an issue which was not legitimate. Many of his statements were controverted by Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, and Mr. Pettigrew, of South Dakota, and the controversy became

at times almost personal. At the opening of the session Mr. Bacon called up his resolution directing the committee on relations with Cuba to investigate the receipts and expenditures of money in the speech delivered yesterday by Mr. Platt, of Connecticut. There had been, he said, such a looseness in the conduct of Cuban affairs that it called for a most decided and searching investigation. He said the great purpose of the investigation which he proposed was not so much to entrap the man or men who might have stolen hundreds of thousands of dollars, as an expert accountant might do, but to ascertain whether by fraudulent contracts or other devices of corruption the millions handled by the officials in Cuba had been disposed of dishonestly. His purpose was to ascertain honestly, economically and properly, even though the books might balance and might to the large expenditures made by the officials in Cuba for "per diem," "miscellaneous." "salaries." "carriages and equipment," and declared these subjects never had been investigated, although the Postoffice Department's attention had been di-

THE CIVIL SALARY LIST. The civil salary list alone for 1899 was over \$3,000,000, which, he thought, was unparalleled. Mr. Bacon declared that no account of the enormous expenditures of the first half of 1899 had been made to the government, and said that, in view of the facts brought out, it was unreasonable to ask that the investigation should be left to the Postoffice Department authorities. Mr. Bacon declared that the American people, regardless of party, were determined that the Cuban scandal should be sifted to the bottom, and he said the investigation would not be limited to the extent suggested by Mr. Platt in his speech of yesterday. He denied that he cherished any purpose of

making campaign capital. Adverting to the construction of the military railroad along the Havana harbor Mr. Bacon said he had learned that the road had cost \$342,611. This, he believed. was an exorbitant sum, demanding rigid investigation. He sharply criticised, too. the payment to Robert P. Porter, as a tariff expert, the sum of \$500 a month for five months, besides \$3,100 as expense money. He desired also to direct attention to the reported fact that the Van Horne syndicate had been organized with a capital of \$8,000,000, and that Mr. Porter had gone to Europe in the interest of the syndicate. Inasmuch as the tariff on machinery and equipment of railroads had been recommended to be reduced from 40 to 10 per cent, by Mr. Porter he believed the matter required keen and jealous scrutiny.

Referring to a figure of speech used by Mr. Platt he said his cheek did mantle African mining millionaires, are about to with the blood of shame at the peculation, thievery, fraud and corruption in Cubanot because he was slinging mud, but because he was an American citizen. Congress, in the interest of the country's honor, ought to cause an investigation to be made without fear, without favor and with uprightness of purpose. In conclusion Mr. Bacon said: "I would like, before adjourned ment, to see action that will allow the Namining expert, who has had experience in | tion to redeem its pledge and to leave the island of Cuba in the possession of a free

and independent government." The resolution as to the Montana senstorial case was postponed until Wednes-At the instance of Mr. Platt, of Connect-

icut, the resolution of Mr. Bacon was re-

ferred to the committee on contingent ex-

SPOONER RESUMES HIS SPEECH. Mr. Spooner then resumed his speech on the Philippine question. He maintained that the facts proved the attack upon the United States troops was not only made by Aguinaldo, but had been long premeditated By Filipino documents, which had fallen into the hands of the Americans, he showed that the Filipinos, under the leadership of Aguinaldo, were preparing for an attack on our troops, and that it had been fixed for Feb. 5, 1899, one day before the out-

LONDON, May 24.-Mrs. Catherine Gladbreak occurred. Mr. Spooner declared that stone, widow of the late William E. Glad-"nobody but an anti-imperialist, who, by his words and actions, desired the dishonor